

“A great expression of community pride.”



Sun, Earth, Water Art by Kelly Flanders



Rock Art by Kristin Pena



Ventura Keys by Paul Swanson



On Top of the World by Amabelle Domingo



Sunset Heart by Molly Glassman



Operation Splash by Stacey Zarazua



El Bell by Aleta Rodriguez



The Reach by Nicole Messner



Color Slash by Amabelle Domingo

The eighth annual “The ‘Take a Shot!’” digital photography contest received well over 200 online submissions this year capturing from many perspectives the diversity of people and cultures in our community as well as our city’s stunning natural landscapes.

In November judges (professional photographers and community leaders) selected winners from Ventura’s amateur and professional photographers in these six adult categories plus one youth category:

1. Environment — skylines, open spaces, beaches, parks & wildlife
2. Architecture — urban design, cityscapes, landmarks & infrastructure
3. People Portraits — of residents participating in city sponsored events & classes
4. Community Life — education, volunteer, street/nightlife, celebrations, arts & cultural scenes
5. Altered Images — photos manipulated for artistic purposes
6. Photo Voice — images illustrating a community issue or problem

Over 200 members of the public cast their own votes online to select their favorite “People’s Choice” awards. Judges included professional photographers, cultural commissioners, educators and other community leaders.

The contest’s enduring popularity shows it is still a great tool for expressing community pride. All entries are eligible to be featured in citywide publication of print or electronic media with photo credit.

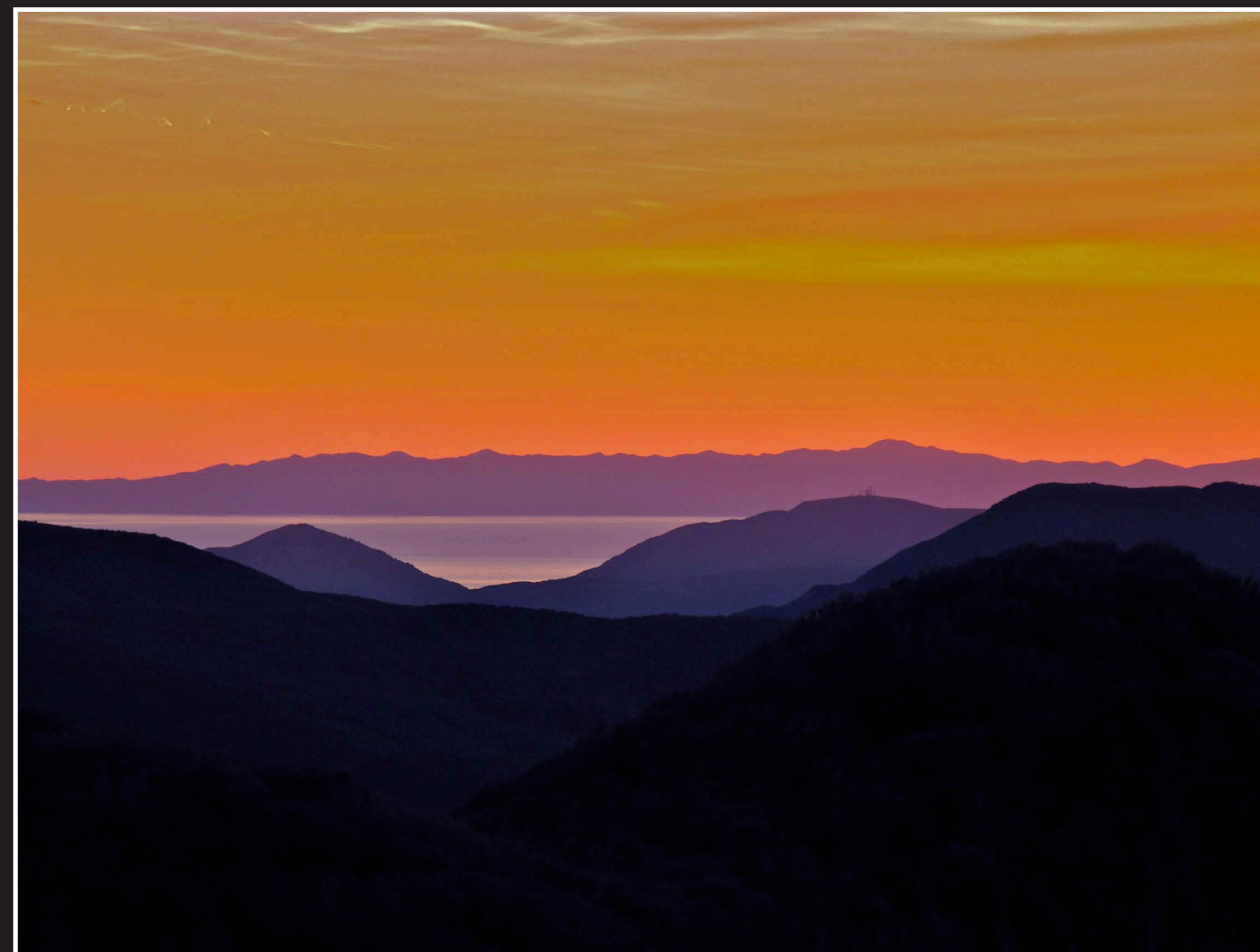
There was also good evidence—from the huge increase in and diversity of online voters this year for the People’s Choice awards—of the new influence of Facebook and Twitter as photographers participating in the contest encouraged their social network “Friends” to vote for them.

**2012 Contest**  
Photographers may enter the 2012 contest starting January 1, 2012 following the guidelines at [www.cityofventura.net/photocontest](http://www.cityofventura.net/photocontest) where the public may also view all of the current 2011 entries online.





**Environment • People's Choice**  
*Ventura Harbor* by Tracy Lee



**Environment • Judges' Choice**  
*Sunset on Islands* by Robert Garven





**Architecture • People's Choice**  
*Harbor* by Michael Robin Kims



**Architecture • Judges' Choice**  
*Ventura Overpass* by Jim Suley





**People Portraits • People's Choice**  
*Boy at Fair* by John Ferritto



**People Portraits • Judges' Choice**  
*Player through the Fence* by Jon Osumi





**Community Life • People's Choice**  
*Hula Festival* by John Whitt



**Community Life • Judges' Choice**  
*A Night at the Beach* by Jac Keo





**Altered Images • People's Choice**  
*Altered Pier* by Kathleen Good



**Altered Images • Judges' Choice**  
*Bronk Rider at the Fair* by John Ferritto





**Photo Voice • People's Choice**  
*Peaceful Pit Puppy* by Heidi Elowitch



**Photo Voice • Judges' Choice**  
*Graffiti* by Sheldon Brown





**Youth • People's & Judges' Choice**  
*The Point* by Bethany Fankhauser